SAGA

'43

Betty Hicks

FOREWORD

As we look over our four years of high school life, we realize there have been many changes. Some of our classmates have joined the services of our country. We have regretted to see them go, some without having achieved their goal—graduation, but we know they have a bigger job to do and have set a higher goal—that of fighting to preserve the freedom of our country. Here we made many friendships with both students and teachers. We have reached another milestone and are ready to take our places in the adult world.

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'43

DEDICATION

Dear Miss Mayo!
Terry M. Mayo

MISS MAYO

Miss Mayo, you're our guiding star, forever shining bright—
You take us from the wrong road and put us on the right.
Your smile gives us the courage that we need in times of stress—
Your mind is ever active when things seem in a mess.
You're really like our mother, at all times kind and brave,
Giving us the laughter and the sunshine which we crave.

Your day is filled with typing, readmittance slips and such,
Things which are important that you alone can touch.
Little Johnny wants a blank signed; his sister wants one too—
And then their pals want something; they all come straight to you.
You make out lists of absentees, solve problems every day—
Even when it seems impossible, you do it anyway.

Yes, this is how we know you, a busy happy friend—
We want it always just that way even when our school days end.
And when we reach our goal someday, we'll all look back with pride—
To you, our cheerful comrade, where love and smiles abide.
We'll think of you and hope once more that good things come your way,
For you are everything we like, and friends we want to stay.

—Doris Ortiz '43

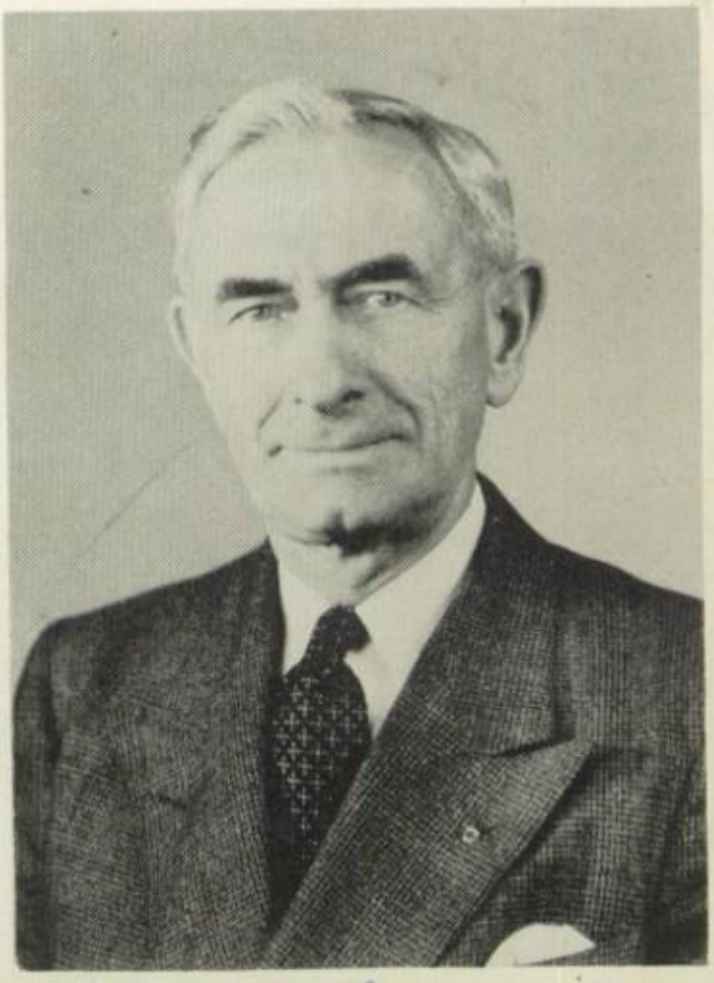
TO MR. DAVIDSON—OUR FRIEND

You stood before our English class and held a thick worn book,
It seemed to be a Bible, till we took a second look.
"The Works of Robert Burns," it said, inscribed in letters gold,
It could have been a Bible though—the way the things were told.
There was the tale of Nellie, dear, a girl who won our love,
Then the picture of the Highlands, a gift from up above.

You told us lively stories, that took us far away,
The funny ones you told us surely brightened up our day.
Then we heard a lovely poem, that left us feeling queer,
It made our throats feel kind of tight, to every eye it brought a tear,
The poem was different from the rest; it seemed so full of woe,
For this was written not for us, but for Mary long ago.

You told us of your hope and dream, to vivid Scotland gay.
And if our prayers are answered, you'll have that wish some day,
You'll see the bonnie land you love, the things so dear to you,
You'll hear at last, the skylark, as he wings up in the blue.
We know that this is what you want and hope it comes your way,
Because you kindly gave to us our really lucky day.

—Doris Ortiz '43



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In his quiet and pleasant way,
He carries on day by day.

John James Allen

"John"

He could even argue
Einstein's theories.

IN

Kenneth Raymond Mackey

"Kennie"

Weep no more my ladies,
Here he is!

Alexander Goodman

"Alex"

All great men are dead,
And I'm not feeling so well myself.

SERVICE

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"High-Pockets"

CLASS VICE-PRESIDENT

I'm free; why aren't they all content like me?

Lois Adelaide Rose

"Lois"

CLASS SECRETARY

It's nice to be natural when you're naturally nice.

Genevieve Vincenza Porri

"Gene"

CLASS TREASURER

True merit is like a river; The deeper it is, the less noise it makes.

Francis Oliver Austin

"Frank"

A little nonsense now and then;
Is relished by the best of men.

Joan Beth Best

"Cleo"

Life has its troubles.

Marjorie Inez Borel

"Margie"

Pretty to walk with; witty to talk with,
And pleasant to think on.

Charlotte Adele Chamberlain

"Lottie"

Grace in every step,
Heaven in her eyes,
And in every gesture
Dignity and love.

Spencer Roland Conklin

"Spence"

Do you know a man who is not willing to flirt just a little?

Grace Roberta Cooper

"Gray"

Her ways are ways of pleasantness;
And all her paths are Peace.

Margaret Eleanor Doellner

"El"

The kind of a girl who always keeps the pot boiling.

Miriam Elizabeth Dutner

"Mim"

She lives a date to date existence.

William Thomas Ebner

"Bill"

Lank, lean, athletic but mostly likeable.

Richard Alan Eckhart

"Richie"

He has a tongue to persuade; a mind to contrive, and a hand to execute mischief.

Jean Eggleston

"Jean"

In her a truth we all have found;
It's doers, not dreamers, make the world go 'round.

Pauline Elizabeth Garlick

"Paul"

Her smile is like the rainbow flashing from the sky.

Harold Richard Gleason

"Smokey"

Men of few words are the best men.

David Crocket Gordon

"Professor"

His personality is the only thing that surpasses his intelligence.

Gene Wheeler Heath

"Jughead"

I always take my time 'cause there's plenty of it.

Leonard George Hesse

"Rudolph"

Oh, what a bore to go to school
And try to learn old wisdom's rule.

Gloria Eileen Hyde

"Stumpy"

Pep, vim and vigor make up her personality.

Diana Kerlin

"Dana"

Pretty as a picture;
Nice frame too.

Germaine Jacquelyn Lallia

"Germ"

She babbles incessantly.

Ferdinand John Natale

"Freddie"

Variety is the spice of life,
Blondes, brunettes and redheads.

Florence Linea Nelson

"Flo"

A cheery smile, a gay "Hello"
Make all the world seem bright.

Elizabeth Joan Noyes

"Betty"

Little she said,
But often she smiled.

Doris Ortiz

"Percy"

The poetry she writes,
Will someday be read by all.

Peter Duhrendahl Parker

"Pete"

Occasionally he stumbles over the truth;
But he picks himself up and hurries on as if nothing had happened.

Ruby Marie Phillips

"Ruby"

She's a chain talker—
Lights each sentence from the spark of the last.

Robert Alan Polyblank

"Bob"

A prince among good fellows is he;
A better sport you'll never see.

Margaret Pauline Shaw

"Red"

With her gentle smile, and twinkle eye,
The masculine heart she'll try.

Mary Alice Shiels

"Wiggles"

Smiling and talking keep her mouth perpetually working.

John Thomas Wanamaker

"Tommy"

Never a dull moment when he's around.

Carolyn Jean Whitten

"Jean"

Your good nature and helping hand have been of immeasurable value to us.

CLASS LOG

September '39 Freshman class officers: Frank Austin, President; John Wanamaker, Vice-President; Martha Conklin, Secretary; and Harold Gleason, Treasurer.

December '40 Christmas luncheon in cafeteria.

September '40 Sophomore class officers: Margaret Shaw, President; Tom Wanamaker, Vice-President; Florence Nelson, Secretary; and Bob Hicks, Treasurer.

November '40 First social event—afternoon tea dance.

December '40 Ice skating party on Congers Lake.

September '41 Junior class officers: Frank Austin, President; Joan Best Vice-President; Frances Choffee, Secretary; and Jean Eggleston, Treasurer.

March '42 Card Party.

May '42 Motion picture "Argentine Nights" presented.

September '42 Senior class officers: Bob Hicks, President; Jean Entwistle, Vice-President; Lois Rose, Secretary; and Genevieve Porri, Treasurer.

November '42 Senior play—"The Clutching Claw" a mystery with John Wanamaker, Jean Eggleston, Lois Rose, and Spencer Conklin in the leading roles.

December '42 Plans made for the production of the "Saga" with Jean Whitten as editor-in-chief.

February '43 Senior Sports Dance, with music by the Rhythm Rogues.

February '43 Apple Sale for the benefit of the Saga.

May '43 Fashion Show.

May '43 Saga Dance.

June '43 Regents.

June '43 Graduation.

"WE HEREBY GIVE, DEVISE, AND BEQUEATH"

WE, the Class of '43, bequeath, devise, and give all our properties, positions, and characteristics to the Class of '44.

Diana Kerlin bequeaths her title of "Venus" to Peggy Burger. Gene Heath gives to Ralph Roth the position of "Class Romeo", even though he would like to keep it.

Richard Eckhart brightens the class by leaving his place as "class cut-up to Jack Martz.

Betty Noyes and Bill Ebner pass a few inches of height to John Price and Dolores Fry.

Margaret Davies and Richard Kreusch are to have David Gordon's atlas and dictionary, while Lois Rose presents her ability to use them.

Joan Best leaves all her troubles to Albert Will.

Freddie Travaglini is to have Marjorie Borel's supply of alibies.

Frank Austin and Spencer Conklin bequeath all of their crazy socks and shirts to Bobby Wright, who also has quite a collection.

David Anderson is to have Jean Entwistle's "shy ways", while Lawrence Lohman is to have Grace Cooper's title of the "shy one".

John Allen gives his arguing spirit to Albert Hague, since John has no use for it in the Navy.

Bob Hicks and Mary-Alice Shiels bequeath their pleasing personalities to Bradford Blauvelt and Muriel Fibble, respectively.

Margaret Shaw has picked Bobby Stedge to fill her place as "most popular".

Eleanor Doellner leaves her vivaciousness to Audrey Mav.

John Wanamaker gives his dry humor to Billy Bow.

Charlotte Chamberlain sends her title as "class baby" to Peter Price.

We think Peter Behensky could use some ambition, so Jean Eggleston has offered him most of hers.

Ruby Phillips bequeaths her talkativeness to Martha Conklin. Oh, yes! Germaine Lallis gives her giggles to Janet Chlupsa.

Kenny Mackay gives his temper to George Sabo.

Doris Ortiz wishes that her art ability be added to John Yonsky's ample supply.

Miriam Dulmer gives her fame for blond hair to Jane Rose.

Harold Gleason (Smokey) leaves his pack of "you know what's" to Alfred Burgholzer.

Leonard Hess is to part with his title of "Hercules" in favor of Jack Blauvelt. Bob Polyblank bequeaths his track ability to anyone who deserves it.

Alex. Goodman gives his casualness to John De Bevoise.

Fred Natale sends his pet baseball glove to Alfie Magnetta, along with his talent.

Janet Schneider is to have Florence Nelson's dainty ways.

Genevieve Porri bequeaths her favorite headache—class-treasurer's account books—to the lucky person who fills next year's post.

Peter Parker leaves his supply of fantastic story magazines to David Stone.

Pauline Garlick bequeaths her uniqueness and distinguished appearance to Diana Fava.

Then to the whole class of '44 Jean Whitten leaves her efficiency.

In Witness Thereof, We the Class of one thousand nine hundred and forty-three, have to this, our last will and testament, set our hands and our seal, this month of June, 1943.

LIST OF SUSPECTS

MR. U. SHOTME was murdered on June 13, 1953, in the home of Mayor Parker, a prominent citizen of the community. The crime was committed at 3 o'clock in the afternoon while the Mayor was throwing a party before the coming elections. All guests are suspected and the following is a report on each individual.

Tombstone Gleason Obituary writer for "You Read It—We Beat It."

G. Cleff Whitten Well known torch singer at the Cuckoo Club.

Professor Polyblank Teacher of history in Cooped-Up College.

Sherlock Shaw Woman detective credited with The Case of Pepsi-Cola.

Hemstitch Hyde Clothes designer, author of "What the Best Foot is seen in this year."

Monkey-Wrench Natale Mechanical genius, inventor of the wheeless baby buggy.

Sugar belle Shiels Star comedian of "Bend When You Bow."

Goodwill Goodman Foreign ambassador to the fair land of Ishcarooga.

Nimble Noyes Tap dancer famous for her performance in "Tripping Along."

Abey Cee Austin Prominent author, wrote "5,000 words Never Found in Dictionaries."

Nitric Nelson Woman chemist, inventor of synthetic water.

Hairpin Hess News commentator sponsored by Non-Wiggle Wigs.

Looping Lallia Aviatrix who does sky writing for the Sudsy Suds company.

Hypo Heath Prominent physician who mends anything from bones to socks.

Homerun Ortiz Short-stop for the Blue Bloomer Girls' Baseball Team.

Quiz Kid Entwistle Master mind with ingenius theory about the eighth dimension.

Quarter Note Conklin Metropolitan baritone starring in "Symphonic Sonata in B Minor."

Dulmer and Doellner DeLuxe Swing songsters performing over Station WOOF.

Gliding Gordon Figure skater known for his figure eight divided by four.

Courthouse Kerlin Woman lawyer and assistant sheriff in Cactus County.

Blooming Borel Manger of the Sniffem Softly Florist Inc.

Ragtime Rose Star drummer of the all-girl Bravo Boom Band.

Coach Cooper Gym instructor at the Giggling Gerties Girls' College.

Captain Wanamaker Jail-Keeper of the Guilded Cage Penitentiary.

Food Stuff Phillips Famous dietitian and author of "Kitchen Canary."

Lucky Guy Eckhart Photographer for the "Femme Fashion Magazine."

Paddles Porri Ping-Pong champion recognized for her blindfold performance.

Chairlady Chamberlain Founder of the "Be Good To Fawns in The Fog" society.

Brainstorm Best Script writer for "The Loves of Prudence Pipdyke" program.

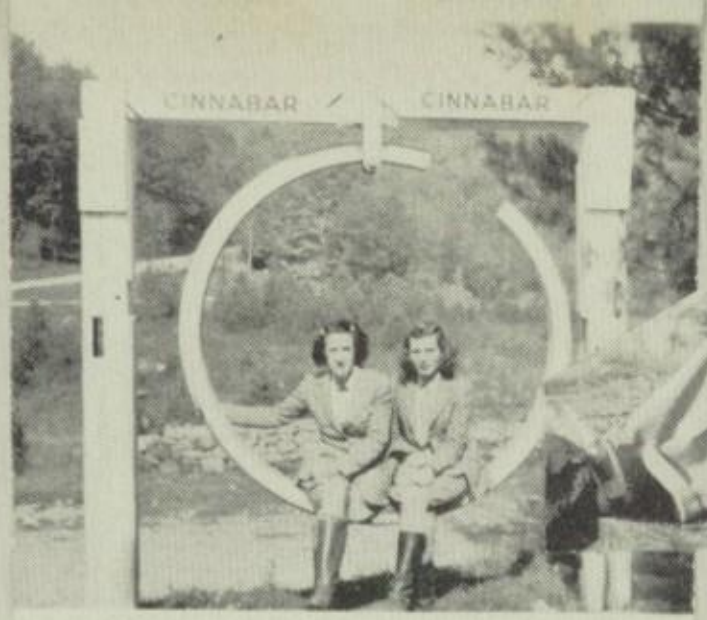
Gadabout Garlick Foreign correspondent of "The Daily Dotendash."

Dean Eggleston Head of the Rarely Brainy Women's College.

One Arm Ebner Lion trainer of the Growling Grizzlies Circus.

Admirals Mackey and Allen and General Hicks were also present to tell of their brave exploits encountered while serving their country on the land and on the sea.

A further investigation released the above persons of all suspicion. Mr. U. Shotme committed suicide when his Yo-Yo broke.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FAMOUS FACTS

Name	*Initials*	*Stand For*	*Usually Found*	*Famous For*	*Secret Passion*	*Cause of Death*
Allen, John	J. J. A.	just joking always	arguing	knowledge of facts	to join the Navy	silence
Austin, Francis	F. O. A.	full of ambition	with Lottie	playing the trumpet	a week-end-in Conn.	a million dollars
Best, Joan	J. B. B.	just be "best"	talking	her trouble (masc.)	Pat—at present	her correspondence
Borel, Marjorie	M. I. B.	most interesting babe	in a fog	arguing with Mr. Williamson	engineer from Rensaleer	her gi--le!
Chamberlain, Charlotte	C. A. C.	charming and chummy	in the auditorium	reading the latest books	interior decorating	no books
Conklin, Spencer	S. R. C.	(a) scientific, rambunctious, cut-up	in Haverstraw	loud shirts and socks	to be an aviator	no sarcasm
Cooper, Grace	G. R. C.	graceful, reputable, carefree	walking with—	her good looks	Chuck	an evil word
Doellner, Eleanor	M. E. D.	most entertaining doll	in the office	playing hookey with Mim	Bus	a good night's sleep
Dulmer, Miriam	M. E. D.	most entertaining doll	near Tommy	playing hookey with Eleanor	a sailor	no dates
Ebner, William	W. E.	willing, eager	with Justine	his height	to be a sailor	English
Eckhart, Richard	R. A. E.	romantic, active, energetic	in Tappan	getting into trouble	coach a championship basketball team	redheads
Eggleston, Jean	J. E.	just eminent	in 212, typing	her willingness to help	the Army	getting "ads"
Entwistle, Jean	J. E. E.	joking, entertaining, everywhere	riding his bike to ??????	going to the orchards	an extra pair of shoes	no bicycle tires
Garlick, Pauline	P. E. G.	pert, enthusiastic, good-looking	looking for that letter	her personality	Pete	French
Gleason, Harold	H. R. G.	happy, rambunctious, good-natured	at Pop Pantol's	athletic ability	Red	walking a mile for a camel
Goodman, Alex	A. A. G.	always a good man	in Louie's bowling alleys	being tardy	to join the Navy	arriving at school on time
Gordon, David	D. G.	dominant gent	reading	his knowledge	Hedy Lamarr	a low mark
Heath, Gene	G. W. H.	great, witty, happy	at Burger	blushing	to stop blushing	school work
Hess, Leonard	L. G. H.	likeable, generous, humorous	looking for a job	his temper	to be a mechanic	a job
Hicks, Robert	J. R. H.	jovial, reserved, honorable	with Jean Entwistle	his quiet manner	join the Army Air Corps	being noisy
Hyde, Gloria	G. E. H.	grand, energetic, happy	in trouble	her temper	Alphie	a smile from Mr. F—!
Kerlin, Diana	D. K.	(a) darling "Kutie"	writing to John	vivaciousness	modeling	doing homework
Lallia, Germaine	G. J. L.	(a) giggling, jolly, lass	eating	talking and giggling	the Air Corps	silence
Mackay, Kenneth	K. R.M.	keen, romantic?? merry	at Hyde's	feminine entanglements	the Navy	no girl friend
Natale, Fred	F. J. N.	friendly, jestful, neat	boxing	his curly hair	girls	no girls
Nelson, Florence	F. L. N.	friendly, laughing, neat	reading that letter	that Irish brogue	I know—do you?	not receiving a letter
Noyes, Betty	E. J. N.	excellent, joyful, natural	with "Paul" or "Germ"	quiteness	Navy Air Corps	being noisy
Ortiz, Doris	D. O.	dainty, original	with "sweet Genevieve"	writing ability	Danny	unable to make up stories
Parker, Peter	P. D. P.	pessimistic, determined, peppery	reading a magazine	arguing	acting	unable to argue
Phillips, Ruby	R. M. P.	rosy-cheeked, magnetic	in Nyack	chattering	Frankie	silence
Polyblank, Robert	R. A. P.	(a) regular, all-around person	running	good sportsmanship	beat Cunningham	to walk all the time
Porri, Genevieve	G. P.	generous, pleasant	studying	capacity for work	the Army	no homework
Rose, Lois	L. A. R.	lovely, ambitious, ready	in the library	getting good marks	to obtain a driver's license	no homework
Shaw, Margaret	M. P. S.	merry, pretty, special	being nice to everyone	her red hair	Clarrie	a poor complexion
Shiels, Mary Alice	M. A. S.	Mary always smiles	with Germaine	grand personality	to weigh 118 pounds	History
Wanamaker, John	J. T. W.	jovial, talkative, witty	in New City	playing the drums	to graduate	being unpleasant
Whitten, Jean	C. J. W.	carefree, jolly, willing	out of breath	walking quickly	Johnny	the year-book

POPULARITY CONTEST

Francis Austin	MOST TALENTED	Doris Ortiz
John Wanamaker	MOST CAREFREE	Eleanor Doellner
Richard Eckhart	NICEST PERSONALITY	Margaret Shaw
Richard Eckhart	HEARTBREAKERS	Margaret Shaw
David Gordon	MOST CONSERVATIVE	Genevieve Porri
Richard Eckhart	BEST ATHLETE	Gloria Hyde
John Wanamaker	BEST ACTOR & ACTRESS	Jean Eggleston
David Gordon	DID MOST FOR SCHOOL	Jean Whitten
Jean Entwistle	CLASS BABIES	Charlotte Chamberlain
Kenneth Mackay	QUICKEST TEMPER	Gloria Hyde
David Gordon	NICEST SMILE	Diana Kerlin
Fred Natale	NICEST HAIR	Margaret Shaw
Harold Gleason	NICEST EYES	Eleanor Doellner
Peter Parker	CLASS ALIBIERS	Eleanor Doellner
Leonard Hess	CLASS GIGGLERS	Diana Kerlin
Jean Entwistle	FASHION PLATE	Diana Kerlin
Richard Eckhart	BEST ALL-AROUND	Diana Kerlin
John Wanamaker	CLASS COMEDIANS	Gloria Hyde
Richard Eckhart	FACULTY TORMENT	Eleanor Doellner
Gene Heath	MOST OOMPH	Diana Kerlin
Robert Polyblank	SHYEST	Betty Noyes
John Wanamaker	MOST ORIGINAL	Doris Ortiz
Richard Eckhart	VIVACIOUS	Miriam Dulmer
John Wanamaker	WITTIEST	Marjorie Borel
William Ebner	TALLEST	Betty Noyes
Fred Natale	SHORTEST	Germaine Lallia
Gene Heath	BEST BLUSHER	Margaret Shaw
John Wanamaker	CHATTERBOXES	Ruby Phillips
David Gordon	MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED	Lois Rose

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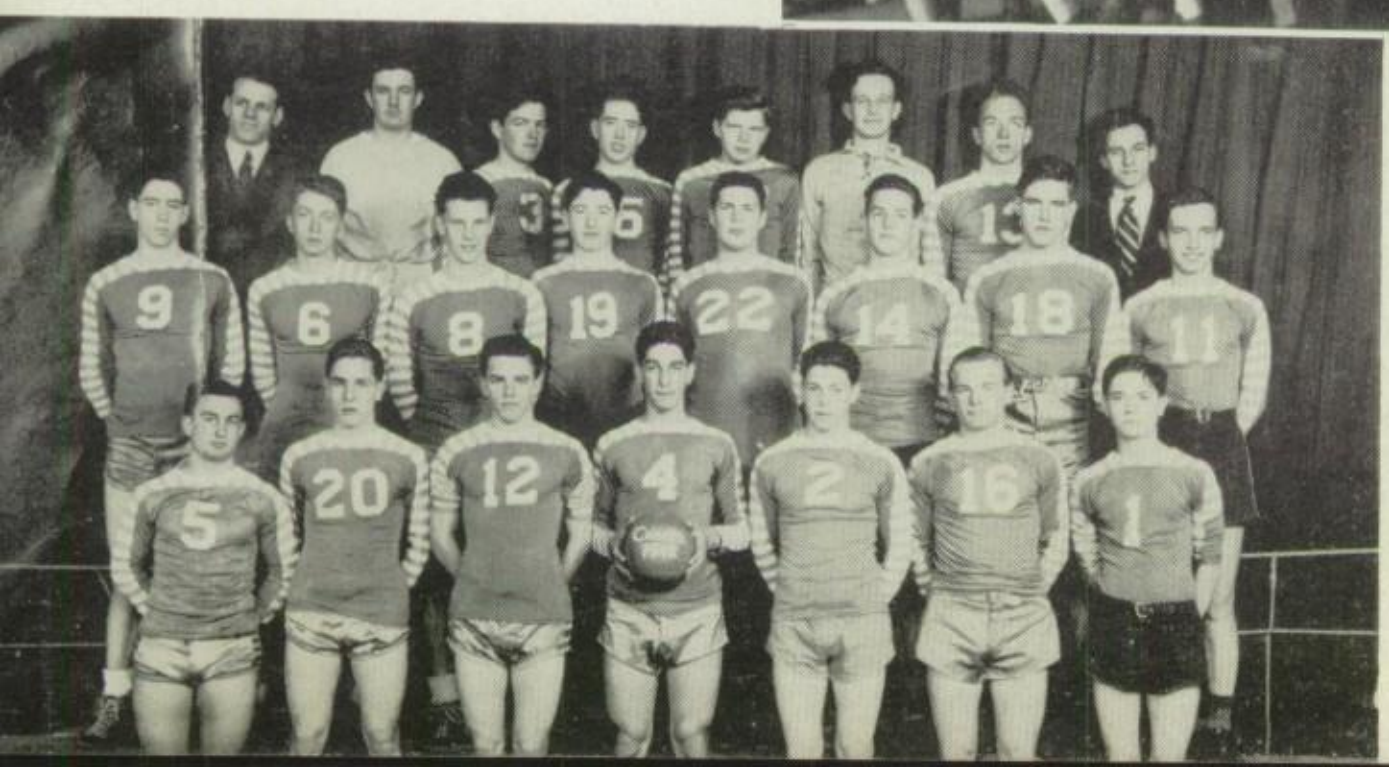

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with always a
smile for everyone
a kind word
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of hugs. Joan

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you through all
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in our next two years
as we've had in the
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How one
could find
I like you
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Dick

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to a swell
kid who will
get along
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The B.S. I took to
classmates,
I'll take the
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we can have a lot of fun
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and thanks for helping
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